

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: Xie, et al.

Serial No. 09/617,736

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For: FIBER OPTICAL PIGTAIL GEOMETRY FOR
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on Oct. 19, 2001, Applicant offers
the following Amendment and Response, and requests reconsideration of the